

Amendments To The Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 14. line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method for detecting fluctuating fuel properties during the operation of a power plant. According to the inventive method, the actual operating characteristics of the power plant are used to determine the efficiency of the power plant and a change in fuel properties is concluded from a temporal change in the efficiency so determined.--